THE COST OF MILK HAS BEEN INCREASED

Figures Given In the Consus Bureau Report.

FLOUR AND GRIST MILL REPORTS.

Cream Has Particularly Gone Up as the Result of the Curtailment of the Supply to the Factory and the Increasing Market in the Larger Cities —Smaller Creameries Absorbed.

Washington (Special).—That the cost of milk, and particularly cream, has advanced enormously since 1900 as the result of the curtailment of supply to the factory and the increasing market in the large cities is indicated in a census bulletin just issued relative to the manufacture of butter, cheese, condensed milk, flour and grist mill products and starch for 1905. A substantial increase in the manufacture of all these products is shown since 1900, except starch, which decreased materially. Cost of cream increased 247.9 and milk 2.7 per cent. The statistics given include only those establishments as were engaged primarily in those industries, plants engaged primarily in selling milk or in separating cream from milk not being regarded as engaged in manufacturing.

According to the statement there were 8,926 establishments engaged in the butter, cheese and condensed milk industry in 1905; aggregate capital, $47,255,566; employing 15,457 wage-earners, who received $12,937 in wages. The cost of materials was $142,920,277, and the products were valued at $168,182,749. The fact of a large exception of establishments, all of these items show increases since 1900, that in value of products amounting to $37,399,440, representing an increase of 28.6 per cent., or over one-fourth.

Consolidation.

The decrease in the number of establishments was principally due to the consolidation or absorption of smaller establishments by larger plants. The hand separator, which enables the farmer to separate his own cream, was a prominent factor in this tendency. It revolutionized the industry, easier hauling and making it possible for a single creamery to obtain its supply from a wide territory. As a result the larger plants, in which butter was manufactured at less expense, gradually crowded out or absorbed smaller ones.

The total cost of materials increased over 21 per cent. There was a decrease of 121,707,811 pounds, or 14 per cent, in the quantity of milk used in making butter, and an increase in the quantity of cream of 384,512,513 pounds, or 188.8 per cent.

Condensed milk manufactured between the censuses of 1900 and 1905 increased in quantity 65 per cent, and in cost 69.5 per cent. The quantity of butter produced increased over 26 per cent. and cheese over 12 per cent. Great Britain and Canada are the chief foreign markets for these products. Importation of cheese has shown a steady growth, both in quantity and value.

Flour And Grain Statistics.

The statistics for flour and grist mill products relate to the year's returns of establishments engaged in merchant milling. At the census of 1905 there were 10,051 of these, against flour and grist mills in the United States, total capital, $243,117,434; employed 29,110 wage-earners, paid $19,822,196 in wages, consumed $619,971,161 worth of materials, and manufactured products to the value of $719,023,395. These figures represent an increase of over 9 per cent in number of establishments, 40 per cent in capital and 45 per cent in value of products.

At the census of 1905 the grain reported as used by the merchant flour and grist mills of the country amounted to 754,945,000 bushels and cost $585,065,067. Wheat formed over 65 per cent. of the total quantity and 75 per cent. of the total cost of grain.

HUNDRED AND FORTY PERISH

Steamer Berlin Wrecked Off Hook of Holland.

THE SEAS BREAK SHIP IN TWO.

The Wrecked Ship the Rotterdam Mail Liner From Liverpool—In a Frightful Storm She Strikes a Sandbar Off the Holland Coast—Mountainous Waves Prevent the Launching of Boats.

A NORTH SEA HORROR.

Of the 143 persons on board, Captain Parkinson, a mariner, of Belfast, Ireland, is, so far as known, the only survivor.

The Berlin was a British steel steamer, 302 feet long, 1,775 tons, built in 1894, and well known to North Sea tourists in the summer season.

Captain Precious, the commander, had been 14 years in the company's service.

Nineteen members of a German opera company that had just closed an engagement in London had booked passage on the steamer and they were all probably on board when she went down.

Among those who perished was Arthur Herbert, King Edward's foreign service messenger, the bearer of important dispatches to the Russian, German and Danish courts.

The passengers included several diamond merchants carrying gems worth many thousands of dollars.

London (By Cable). — The worst disaster in the history of the service of the busy cross-channel traffic between England and the Continent occurred during a violent gale shortly before 6 o'clock A. M., when the Rotterdam mail steamer Berlin, from Harwich to Hook of Holland, having safely weathered the storm, was wrecked as she was entering port. With one single exception, all her passengers and crew, numbering altogether 143 persons have either perished or are clinging hopelessly to the wreck.

The terrific seas broke up the steamer with such awful suddenness that all efforts to save life appear to have been utterly hopeless. At a late hour it was reported that some few survivors were still clinging to the wreck, but as the heroic efforts of the big crew of the life-boat crews had failed to reach them, little hope that they will be saved remains.

The Company's Advices.

The story of the disaster is told with dramatic intensity by the following brief, but poignant, messages reaching Harwich from the agent of the Great Eastern Railway Company at Hook of Holland. The first message was handed in at the office at 6.30 A. M., and ran as follows:

"The Berlin is stranded at the North Pier. Her position is very dangerous. There is a heavy gale blowing. Tugs and lifeboats are going out to her assistance."

The second message was sent off at 7.50 and said:

"The position of the Berlin is still very dangerous. The heavy gale continues. We have tried to take off the passengers with tugboats and lifeboats, but without success up to the present."

The third message was timed at the Hook at 7.52 and reached Harwich at 8.40. It said: "The Berlin has broken in two, and will probably still prove a total loss. Her crew have all on board. Life-boats and tugs are trying to save the passengers."

The fourth message came through the London office of the railway company. It was timed at the Hook at 9.10 and said: "It is impossible to reach the Berlin to save the passengers. We will do the best we can. The poop of the ship is under water."

A Total Loss.

Then, at 10.36, came the fifth and last message: "The Berlin is a total loss, with all her crew and passengers. Nobody has been saved."

The Berlin was not equipped for the terrible accident, and it probably never will be known how the steamer came to make on shoals which, although 300 yards wide and long enough for her, are so difficult of access in rough weather.

It is conjectured that some derangement of the engines or steering gear may have rendered the vessel uncontrollable. Captain Precious, of the Berlin, had a good record of 14 years' service. The list of passengers on the fated steamer was lost, and all the names of those who were on board have not yet been learned. So far as has been ascertained there were no Americans among the passengers.

Prince Leads Life Savers.

Hook of Holland (By Cable).—After 30 hours of agony on the after deck of the wrecked steamer Berlin, 11 partly frozen and exhausted survivors of the terrible disaster were brought ashore by the heroic Dutch life-saving men, who, encouraged by Prince Henry, consort of Queen Wilhelmina, risked their own precious lives in the raging, icy seas to rescue the few remaining of the 143 passengers and crew of the ill-fated ship.

Earthquake Felt At Sea.

Astoria, Ore. (Special).—Captain McCarey, of the the schooner Hyak rose, which arrived from San Pedro, reports that on February 3, while off San Francisco, about 12 miles, a severe earthquake was experienced at 10.30 o'clock in the morning, which lasted for several minutes. No damage of any consequence resulted. A half hour later there was another lesser shock.

Jilted Suitor's Crime.

Pomeroy, O. (Special).—Emerson Misner, aged 20, went to the home of his sweetheart, Julia Archer, aged 16, called her to the front door, threw his arms about her neck and shot her in the left temple. He then walked away a few steps and blew out his own brains, dying instantly. It is said the parents of the girl objected to Misner and she had jilted him. The girl is still living, but there is little hope of her recovery.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

Naval Bill Agreed To.

The Naval Appropriation bill, carrying $100,727,407, was passed by the Senate on Monday. All the committee amendments were agreed to.

The only amendments adopted during the consideration were added $25,000 to the item for coal and transportation and $120,000 for a power plant at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Senator Culberson noticed that the Senate committee had doubled the amount for coal. He asked if these items had any reference to the gathering of large fleets, as the President was in the habit of doing, or to the forthcoming Exposition at Jamestown. Senator Hale replied that the expenses of the navy for ammunition in times of peace were large. He did not believe that any considerable amount of the fund would be used on account of the Jamestown Exposition, although he said that Exposition seemed to be developing into a more of a military show than anything else.

Senator Stone said he had ascertained that the annual consumption of powder by the army and navy was about 5,000,000 pounds, that it cost the Government 25 cents a pound and that the Government could manufacture this powder for about half that amount. He had intended to address the Senate on the subject in advocacy of Government manufacture of powder, but had concluded himself with submitting several letters from certain powder manufacturers of Kansas City, Missouri and York, Pa.

Senator Carmack offered an amendment appropriating $100,000 for a marine hospital at Memphis, Tenn., which was voted down on a point of order made by Mr. Hale.

The Sixteen-Hour Bill.

H. R. Fuller, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors, talked with President Roosevelt about the bill pending in the House limiting to 16 hours a day's work on railroads. Mr. Fuller told the President that the railroad labor organizations are opposed to the House substitute for the Lafollette bill and that they had rather have no legislation at all than the action of the House bill. The President, it is said, is in favor of the proposition limiting the hours of labor to 16 for railroad employees.

Ferry Signals During Fogs.

The controversy between Capt. Ira Harris, supervising inspector of steam vessels at New York, and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, growing out of the charges of unsafe management of the ferryboats plying between the North River, has been taken up by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The officials there are now considering the withholding Captain Harris in his attempt to have the ferryboats required to be used by the ferryboats during a fog.

Important Bill Agreed Upon.

After a conference lasting for one month the conferences of the House of Representatives on the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Bill have finally agreed upon a compromise amount of $21,000. This is $1,450,000 more than the bill carried when passed by the House.

Congress And The Departments.

Eulogies were delivered in the House of many friends who were representatives Adams, Flack and Ketchum.

The Washington meeting of the American Tract Society was held in the First Congregational Church.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce favorably passed upon the Townsend bill, which empowers the President to appoint a commission to investigate and make public the causes of all railroad accidents, and the bill upon which affect interstate commerce.

Representative Lilley, of the Committee on Judiciary the Dubois resolution, directing that committee to draft a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy in the United States.

The House agreed to the conference report on the Legislative, Judicial bill. The Senate has already accepted the report, and the bill will now go to the President for approval.

The President signed the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill, the first of the regular appropriation measures to be acted on by Congress.

The Military Academy Appropriation bill was passed by the Senate. It carries a total appropriation of $5,000,000.

The House as in committee of the whole passed the Senate private pension bills at the rate of 12 a minute.

Eli Smith, the Alaskan mail-carrier, who has been making a trip from Nome, Alaska, to Seattle, Wash., arrived with his team of seven Eskimo dogs at the end of the season. He drove to the White House.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill passed the House and all the salaries of the postal employes were ordered restored.

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The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations agreed to report favorably the new treaty with Santo Domingo.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill passed an order that post cards organized with one or more views printed in envelopes to secure transmission in the mails.

Binger Hermann's counsel asked the court to dismiss the case against him because of the variance between the indictment and the evidence.

Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador, had a talk with Secretary Root about the proposition to exclude coolies.

Secretary Taft announced his purpose of making another trip to Cuba.

Attorney General Bonaparte has directed that suits be instituted against a number of railroad companies to recover penalties for violation of the Safety Appliance Law.

The House Committee on the District favorably reported the Miscegenation Bill.

Assistant Paymaster W. P. Sypher, U. S. N., has been dismissed from the Navy on account of technical embezzlement.

Lieutenant Colonel James A. Irons was appointed military attache of the American Embassy at Tokio.

SENATE STANDS BY REED SMOOT

Majority of Fourteen For the Mormon Apostle.

WOMEN OF COUNTRY DISAPPOINTED

Republicans, as a Rule, Stood by the Senator From Utah and Voted in Favor of His Retention of His Seat —Mr. Smoot Has Displayed Great Tact and Diplomacy.

HISTORY OF SMOOT CASE.

Reed Smoot, Republican; apostle of the Mormon Church; elected United States Senator from Utah January 12, 1903; took his seat March 5, 1903; term expires March 3, 1909.

Hearings by Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections began January 16, 1904.

Charges: That he represents an organization hostile to the government; that he has countenanced polygamy; that he took an oath in the "Endowment" ceremonies incompatible with his oath as a senator.

Bitter fight against him by churches and organizations of women.

Text of resolution reported by the committee which the Senate defeated:

Resolved, That Reed Smoot is not entitled to hold his seat as senator of the United States from the State of Utah."

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Mr. Reed Smoot, the senator from Utah, whose expulsion from the United States Senate the majority of American women have labored for four years to effect, and who, in effort nor money, was confirmed in that effort by the votes of Republican Chairmen and the Order of Railway Conductors, talked with President Roosevelt about the bill pending in the House limiting to 16 hours a day's work on railroads. Mr. Fuller told the President that the railroad labor organizations are opposed to the House substitute for the Lafollette bill and that they had rather have no legislation at all than the action of the House bill. The President, it is said, is in favor of the proposition limiting the hours of labor to 16 for railroad employees.

The vote by which the Senate refused to expel Senator Smoot from the United States Senate was taken at 5:25 p. m. Senator Smoot's defeat than any manifestation of public sentiment ever known in this country has been engaged in.

It is understood that about $20,000,000 of the $50,000,000 of 4½ per cent. Pennsylvania notes due in November have either been bought by the company or exchanged now for the new 5 per cents.

BRIAND'S PLAN WINS OUT

French Chamber of Deputies Indorses it.

Paris (By Cable).—The Ministry, President Falleres in the chair, unanimously approved the agreement between Edgardon Minister Briand and Premier Clemenceau relative to the form of the leases of the churches to the parish priests, and the Premier supported M. Briand's declaration before the Chamber of Deputies, which by a vote of 389 to 88 indorsed the government's policy.

M. Meunier, Radical Republican, at the opening of the debate denied the existence of a conspiracy to overthrow the ministry. He said he had voiced the disappointment of all Republicans at the fact that the Government had seen fit to give satisfaction to the bishop's ultimatum.

Continuing, M. Meunier said he was opposed to any recognition of the Catholic hierarchy, and read extracts from M. Clemenceau's speeches and writing during the last two years to show that the Premier always had been opposed to the policy advocated by M. Briand, and which the Premier now fathered.

Stormy Confession.

The deputy concluded by saying: "Worship is free and the churches are free," amid cries between applause and hisses.

M. Meunier's statement was applauded by the members of the left party.

M. Guieysse, Radical Republican, followed on the same lines, expressing regret at the fact that the government had not taken the initiative in the cultural associations of the independent Catholics.

After a denunciation of the government's policy by M. Jaures, Socialist, M. Briand mounted the tribune and in an eloquent speech, which was frequently applauded from the center and even from the right, explained the reasons for government had not and would not abandon its conciliatory policy. The regime of the separation of church and state should not be made a cause for religious prosecution. In spite of the intrigues of its enemies, the government proposes to fight out the issues on that line and to the end.

Addressing M. Jaures and the members of the extreme left, he said: "You contemplate a general advance in ordinary messages of 1 franc."

Premier Clemenceau then spoke in favor of the government's policy, and declared that the Ministry would be defeated.

DOINGS OF THE OLD DOMINION

The Latest Virginia News Told in Short Order.

A very remarkable case has developed in the Western State Hospital, Staunton. Master Leslie Downing, of Spottsylvania County, is seven years old, about two years ago he ran into a deep cut and could not be aroused. He was brought to the hospital. He would once in a great while revive enough to take a little food, but at other times he had to be fed artificially. Three weeks ago he awoke and his mind seemed to be normal. When on the few occasions he aroused sufficiently to take food, he knew no one at the hospital, but when he woke he could repeat the names of every tenant in the ward. When he was taken home Friday, he had forgotten how to walk, and his mother, Mrs. A. C. Downing, had to assist him to the train. He is learning how to walk again.

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EVELYN'S EXPERIMENT.

By PAULINE MONTAGUE.

Evelyn held her pretty head to one side, like a meditative sparrow, and Jack Carrol thought that if she had not been his cousin he would have easily enough fallen in love with her himself, instead of showing her Sydney Chamney's photograph and passing up the original to the very best of his ability.

She looked handsome. Is he really a good looking ashie picture, Jack?" she asked.

He's even handsomer than his photograph, and, what's more to the point, he's a dear fellow in the bargain. Now, Evie, don't be foolish and spoil everything. Sydney and Ellie are coming to-morrow, and I want you to be nice to her voice.

"Yes?" Evelyn answered, thoughtfully, and the color deepened in her cheeks and the sparkle, and the sparkle in her eyes has gone to gratify: "It is certainly very much more to the point, Jack, and I think Mr. Chamney is a gentleman. I—I can't be glad to know it, very well, if only——"

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TO SLEEP.

O, gentle lover of a world day-worn,
Before the weary light to thy dusk arms,
Bring where pale forms lie, sun-hurt and forlorn,
And the balm of thy oblivious charms.

Make me thy captive ere I guess pursuit,
Nor cast me deep with some dreamless tomb;
Where hopes stir not, and white, wronged lies are mute,
And pain's hot wings fold down o'er hushed woes.

And if ere morn Thou chose'st to set me free,
Let it not be, sweet jailer, through the door
That timeward opes, but to eternity
Set Thou the soul that needs Thee ever more.
So I from sleep to death may softly wend
As one would pass from gentle friend to friend.
—Olive Tilford Dargan, in Scribner's.

The Threshold.

By IVAN TURGENEV.

(This poem in prose, written some thirty years ago by the famous Russian novelist, sums up the type of the Russian girl who is ready to sacrifice everything for light and freedom and revolution. The translation is from the Independent).

I see a great structure. The narrow door in the front wall is wide open. Stern gloom is beyond the door. Before the high threshold stands a girl, a Russian girl. A breath of frost is wafted from the impenetrable gloom, and together with the freezing wave a slow voice is come from the depth of the building.

"Do you who desire to cross this threshold, do you know what awaits you here?"

"I know," replied the girl.

"Cold, hunger, abhorrence, derision, contempt, abuse, prison, disease and death!"

"I know. I am ready. I shall endure all sufferings, all blows."

"Not from enemies alone, but also from relatives, from friends."

"Yes, even from them."

"Very well. You are ready for the sacrifice. You shall perish, and nobody, nobody will ever know whose memory to honor."

"I need neither gratitude nor compassion. I need no home."

"Are you ready even to commit a crime?"

The girl lowered her head.

"I am ready for that, too——"

The voice lingered for some time before resuming its cadence.

"Do you know," it said at length, "that you may be disillusioned in that which you believe at present, that you may discover that you were mistaken, that you ruined your young life in vain?"

"I know this, too."

"Enter!"

The girl crossed the threshold, and the heavy curtain fell behind her.

"Fool!" said some one, gnashing his teeth.

"Saint!" some one uttered in reply.

The Old Copper Kettle.

An English scientist attributes the wide prevalence of appendicitis to the use of enameled cooking utensils. He points out that when the cooking vessels were made entirely of Portsmouth Coal and Ice Company. The general offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway announce as a result of the conference between the railroad officials and the coal and freight conductors and the trainmen the road will advance on all its coal, has been granted the men on all through runs.

Henry House, 28 years old, formerly of Scottsville, was killed by a car at a house in Lynchburg while at work, receiving injuries from which he died two hours later. He leaves a wife and widow and three children.

Edward Bradberry, a fireman for the Southern Railroad, while boarding a moving engine near Danville was run over and probably fatally injured.

"Bill" Johnson, one of these seven who were acquitted recently of burglary last September, was returned, having been recaptured at Winnsboro, S. C., charged with highway robbery and complicity in the murder of Lodge Keesee, Seaboard and Western Railroad flagman.

Miss Mary Carroll, 19 years old, daughter of A. L. Woody, cashier of the Citizens' Bank, was quietly married at her home in that place to J. C. Woodson, of the Woodson Drug Company. The ceremony was performed by the rector, study-ing the pictured face of Sydney Chamney.

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Outside the wind was blowing in full wild gusts and the night was very cold, with snow coming down in blinding, fierce sheets, which beat in the eye during the Civil War, which 25 years later ended in a cloud hurry of footsteps on the porch outside and a knock on the heavy oak door disturbed the severe business in the farmhouse kitchen.

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"It's late enough, and glad to be under a roof once more. Mrs. Gore, how do you do? Mr. Orr, I'm glad to shake hands with you again."

He stamped the snow off his thick boots before he came into the room to make his call, and then he turned to her and, as he came into the full light of the fire, the bright lamplight fell on his face and the strength of it was in her mouth of residence at the Orr farm. He had heard not a little of admiral Jack Kirby's conquests, but when she looked at him her eyes, that it was so—so far as Mr. Orr's opinion was concerned.

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"You can easily get rid of your fortune, Evie," he observed. "You might make it over to a society for Christian burial of murdered fellows, or you could give it to me, for that matter."

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"A little beauty — a little diamond," he decided, enthusiastically, when something very rare for Chamney, he blushed. He had to be fed artificially. Three weeks ago he awoke and his mind seemed to be normal. When on the few occasions he aroused sufficiently to take food, he knew no one at the hospital, but when he woke he could repeat the names of every tenant in the ward. When he was taken home Friday, he had forgotten how to walk, and his mother, Mrs. A. C. Downing, had to assist him to the train. He is learning how to walk again.

With eight armed men to assist in the work, the Campbell County Board of Health vaccinated every man in the smallpox-infested section of Lynchburg who needed vaccination. There was a short delay before the arrival of the Italians, but they submitted when they saw it was useless to resist.

The costs in the Bay Shore Railway Federal Court litigation consist of a period of three years, two trials, and the sparkle in her eyes has gone to gratify: "It is certainly very much more to the point, Jack, and I think Mr. Chamney is a gentleman. I—I can't be glad to know it, very well, if only——"

Her voice trailed droopingly off, and then laughed.

"What a girl you are, Evie! What inconsistency you show! You always have an 'if' between you and every promise of pleasure."

"I believe I do," she said, in her sweet, spirited way. "I have to, Jack; don't you see? In this 'if only'—and she flashed a saucy smile from her violet eyes at him—lies my safety. Mr. Sydney Chamney had an income, or a salary, or even wages of sorts, and I was not so rich as I unfortunately am."

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There was a sweet, interested kindness in her voice, and the words, that robbed them of all sting, and—

Mr. Chamney looked almost reverently at her.

"I — never really thought of it. But" — a flush reddened his face as he beheld his retreat Evelyn sat thoughtfully by the window, study-ing the pictured face of Sydney Chamney.

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